the progress with respect to the technological missions on oilseeds, telecommunications, literacy and immunization has been satisfactory.

With regard to Water Mission, the implementation of various schemes in Andhra Pradesh has been satisfactory except in mini mission districts of Mehboobnagar and East Godavari. The matter has been brought to the notice of the State Government who is taking suitable steps to gear up the implementing machinery to ensure implementation of the approved schemes.

मध्य प्रदेश में जापानी एन्सेफेलाइटिस से प्रभावित हुए लोग

2663. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
ठाकुर जगतपाल सिंह :

क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में जापानी एन्सेफेलाइटिस से कितने लोग प्रभावित हुए हैं ;

(ख) क्या इसका प्रकोप पिछड़े और आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में अपेक्षा अधिक रहा है;

(ग) इसकी रोकथाम के लिये क्या उपाय किये गये हैं; और

(घ) क्या अन्य राज्यों की तुलना में इसका प्रकोप मध्य प्रदेश से अधिक रहा है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री रफीक आलम) : (क) से (घ) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश से जापानी मस्तिष्कशोथ के कारण किसी व्यक्ति के रोगी होने या मृत्यु होने की सूचना नहीं मिली है।

Setting up of Electronic Units in Orissa

2664. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to promote electronic industry in the country;

(b) if so, the number of electronic centres set up at different places in Orissa during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(c) whether Government have a proposal for the expansion of electronic units during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details of the plan drawn up in that regard for Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Steps taken by Government to promote the Electronics Industry are given in Annexure.

(b) to (d) It is proposed to set up a Software Technology Park at Bhubaneshwar. With a view to upgrading the technology of the indigenous electronic equipments, a LSI/VLSI Design Centre is also being set up at Bhubaneshwar. Department of Electronics under its Standardisation Testing and Quality Control Programme provides quality promotional services to electronics industry through nationwide network of laboratories/centres. Location of one such Electronics Test and Development Centre is at Bhubaneshwar. Government is providing assistance to various institutions to enlarge the manpower base especially in the area of information technology in Orissa.

The following specific policy measures were taken in recent past to strengthen the electronic industry in the country:—

(a) For a number of categories, "broad-based" licences are issued.

(b) The Electronic components industry has been delicensed.

(c) The import of technology and foreign collaboration are permitted in all areas of electronics. Units having foreign equity less than 40 per cent allowed in all areas.

(d) Development of small scale industry is being particularly encouraged. Approvals for a number of items have been decentralised to the level of State Directorate industries. Investment limit for this sector has been revised to Rs. 35 lakhs and that for ancillary units to Rs. 45 lakhs.

(e) In order to achieve economies of scale in certain key areas, certain components which were reserved for small scale sector have been dereserved.

(f) In almost all areas of electronics, excluding consumer electronics, MRTP companies have been exempt from clearance under Section 21 and 22 of MRTP Act.

(g) The private sector units are permitted to manufacture telephones, EPABX, teleprinters, facsimile equipment, data communication terminals, etc. Other telecommunication items can also be taken up by the private sector with Central|State Government participation of atleast 5 per cent equity shares.

(h) For computer industry, the emphasis is on the manufacture of computers based on latest technology at prices comparable with international level and progressively increasing indigenisation consistent with economic viability.

(i) Import duty on raw materials, announced to encourage production and export of software.

(j) Import duty on raw materials, components and capital equipment has been reduced. For component industry, the duty on raw materials, parts and semifinished goods have been rationalised.

(k) The import policy has been rationalised with a view to increase production.

(l) Government is promoting appropriate applications of electronnics to improve productivity, quality, safety and quality of services.

Parity of ED Employees regarding Age and Qualification with the Regular Employees

2665. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether E.D. employees are treated at par with regular employees in the matter of age and qualifications for promotion to Group D, Postman and Clerical cadre; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Extra Departmental employees are not whole-time employees. They are expected to have an indepndent income, and they perform duties for the Department of Posts for a lesser period of time per day than regular employees. The conditions of service for E.D. employees are also less rigorous than those for regular employees.

Representations for Promotion in Department of Electronics

2666. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of representations received by Government through the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes| Scheduled Tribes during the period from 1st January to 1st July, 1989 regarding promotion of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in the Department of Electronics; and

(b) what is the date of receipt of each representation and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE